

REMARKS

Claims 31-47 and 58-69 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-30 and 48-57 remain pending in the application.

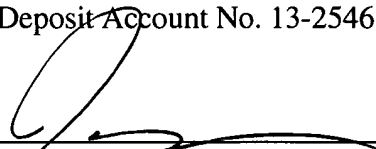
The Office Action required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-30 and 48-57, drawn to a device for sealing and creating an anastomosis in a blood vessel, classified in class 606, subclass 151.
- II. Claims 31-47, drawn to a seal for sealing a blood vessel, classified in class 606, subclass 213.
- III. Claims 58-69, drawn to a method of constructing an anastomosis, classified in class 606, subclass 153.

In response, applicants elect Invention I, Claims 1-30 and 48-57, for prosecution. Claims 31-47 and 58-69 have been canceled without prejudice. Support for this amendment is clearly found in the application as originally filed. No new matter is presented. If the Examiner comes to believe that a telephone conversation may be useful in addressing any remaining open issues in this case, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned agent at 763-391-9867. A supplemental information disclosure statement has been filed with this response. Please charge to Deposit Account No. 13-2546 the fee of \$180.00 which is required for the information disclosure statement. Please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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